Small Moment Personal Narrative: What is Truth?

**The Task**

Write a small moment personal narrative inspired by a theme from one of our unit texts. You may find that your specific incident reflects, extends, or even disputes this theme. Overall, **how does our reading help you understand yourself, others, and/or the world?**

Texts:

*1984* by George Orwell

“Politics and the English Language” by George Orwell

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien

“Facing It” by Yusef Komunyakaa

“Nature, History, and Narrative” by William Cronon

*The Dew Breaker* by Edwidge Dandicat

Sample Essay Prompt

What are some of the main themes in *1984*? How do you find these themes to be true, partially true, or untrue of your own life? What is one moment you could write about in response to one theme in the text? What impact did this moment have on you? What impact did our reading have on your perception of this moment?

* Length: 3- 4 pages. Adhere to these restrictions.
* You may use first person.
* You may use dialogue.
* Be specific. Use strong verbs and nouns to tell your story. Capture both your actions and the actions of the people around you. Capture your emotions.
* Don’t worry if you don’t have a conventionally dramatic moment to share. What counts is the response to theme, not whether your moment is big or small.

**A draft is due on Wednesday, 1/5**. We’ll peer conference on that day.